

Virginia Green Lodging Profile:





Hilton Garden Inn

Charlottesville, Virginia

Virginia Green is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices is all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. *Virginia Green* has established "core activities" specific to each sector of tourism, and these practices are considered the required minimum for participation in the program. However, *Virginia Green* encourages its participants to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations; and this profile provides a full list of all their "green" activities. These are the activities that guests / customers can expect to find when they visit this facility.

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"Hotel with 124 overnight rooms and three meeting rooms. We also have a restaurant on-site."

Green Statement: "It has become an increasing trend for guests to request if we are a green property."

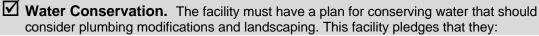
CORE ACTIVITIES for Lodging



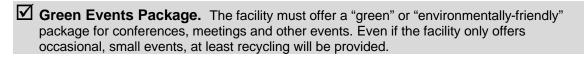
"I" This symbol indicates a <u>required activity</u> for Virginia Green Lodging facilities. Participants self-certify that these activities are in place and they provide additional specifics on other activities. Visitors to **Hilton Garden Inn** can expect the following practices:

- Optional Linen Service. Virginia Green Lodging facilities must have some sort of system in place that allows guests to not have their sheets and towels changed every day. This facility pledges that they:
 - Change linens only upon request
 - Train house cleaners on process for optional linen service
 - Use non-phosphate, non-toxic, and biodegradable laundry detergents
 - Minimize use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals
 - Hilton's "Conserve to Preserve" commitment of not cleaning laundry daily unless the quest specifically requests it
- Recycling and Waste Reduction. Virginia Green Lodging facilities must recycle and are highly encouraged to maintain a comprehensive recycling program. This facility pledges that they:
 - Recycle: glass, aluminum cans, plastic, office paper, toner cartridges, newspaper, cardboard, packing supplies, fluorescent lamps, batteries, electronic equipment
 - Provide clearly marked recycling bins in business center, guest lobby, and office area
 - Track overall waste bills
 - Have numeric goal to reduce overall materials that go to the landfill
 - Instruct housekeeping to save and reuse unopened items
 - Recycle fryer grease and/or filter grease prior to recycling

- Have an effective food inventory control to minimize waste
- Purchase locally grown produce and other foods
- Use non-bleached napkins and coffee filters
- Provide condiments, cream and sugar, etc. in bulk
- Use water pitches and filtered water to minimize the use of single-use bottles
- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms
- Purchase recycled-content paper towels and toilet paper
- Encourage suppliers to minimize packaging and other waste materials
- Make 2-sided copies/ printed materials
- Use electronic correspondence and forms
- Use "green" cleaners that are dispensed in bulk
- Purchase durable equipment and furniture
- Purchase low VOC carpets and fabrics
- Use latex paints
- Properly recycle/dispose of thinners and solvents
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Use less toxic materials
- Use integrated pest management (IPM)
- Minimize the use of pesticides and herbicides
- Use a nutrient management plan that minimizes the use of fertilizers



- Track overall water usage and wastewater
- Have a numeric goal to reduce water consumption over time
- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Have:
 - high efficiency dishwashers
 - low flow toilets
- Discourage water-based cleanup (sweeping first) and use microfiber technology mops
- Maintain vegetative buffers around streams and ponds
- **☑** Energy Conservation. The facility must have a plan in place that encourages replacement of lighting and equipment to energy-efficient alternatives. This facility pledges that they:
 - Track overall energy bills
 - Have had an energy audit to identify efficiency opportunities
 - Have a numeric goal of how much they want to reduce their energy usage over time
 - Have an "energy management system" in place to track and meter energy usage
 - Use:
 - compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms and in canned lighting
 - LED Exit Signs
 - high efficiency fluorescent ballasts and lamps (T5s and T8s)
 - Have high efficiency heating & air conditioning (HVAC) systems
 - Perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
 - Have individual thermostats for each room/area
 - Have installed additional insulation
 - Use natural lighting
 - Use directional (downward-facing) lighting in parking areas and other outdoor areas





For more information on **Hilton Garden Inn**, see www.charlottesville.stayhgi.com or contact Shelley Stephens at Shelley.stephens@hilton.com or 434-979-4442.

For more information on *Virginia Green Lodging* program, see www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/lodging or go to www.virginiagreentravel.org.



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